DIVERSION ON OUR STAGE

A PANTANTIC NEW BALLET IN

ROUND OF PLEASURE," White Skeletons Dancing Clorfully on a Black Stage—A Hopeful Look into the Future of Mrs. Fiske—Fresh Work from the Fens of American Playwrights — Buse in Parts.

"A Round of Pleasure" at the Knickerbocker has a new feature in its second act, and the particularly expert way in which it is managed makes the incident exceptionally effective. It is a ballet danced in the dark by twelve girls dressed as skeletons. The stage looks for a few ninutes as though it might be the happy hunting ground of some dozen departed ballet danwho, like the souls of the unfaithful nuns in "Robert le Diable," are permitted to return to earth and pirouette remorsefully at certain times. The stage at the Knickerbocker is suddenly darkened to complete blackpess. The lights in the auditorium are extinguished. No vagrant ray of light silps in between the sections of the scenery. nor does any illumination from the front mar the effect of unbroken black which the stage presents. Suddenly the figures of four dancing keletons appear and then disappear. Four more follow them, and, vanishing, give place to another group. Finally the twelve ghostly coryphees come out together. The number never reaches more than twelve, but the figures constantly disappear from view and as inex plicably reappear. The trick is evidently accomplished by having the dancers turn their backs, which are entirely black. The white entiries of the skeleton are on only one side of the girl. A cleverer illusion of its kind has never been seen here, and rarely has any similar attempt been carried out with such thoroughness. A ray of light across the sene or an awkwardly managed movement by the first would spoil the effect. A novelty in dancing has been added to the first act, and lanette Bageard, with the Rogers brothers, indulges in some expert steps during the chorus of a trio that is too brief. Miss Bageard is an imble dancer, and so are the Rogers brothers, in quite another way, and their combined efforts add a lively incident to the first act of the piece. This has been a season of German comedians and cake walks here in New York. It is only natural that the fag end should have brought abuit a combination of the two. Weber and Fields made a cake walk, which originated here last winter with Williams and Walker, one of the incidents of their last burlesque, and now the Rogers brothers, to the rhythmic measure of "There's a hot time in the old town tonight," do a brief cake walk that, notwithstanding the number of them New York has now, has fresh fun of its own. It is a Yiddish cake walk, with the shyness and self-offacement that is characteristic of east side "geesers," who are not yet well enough acquainted with New York to know what their rights in it are, and appear to be in constant anticipation of some unknown calamity. This may seem rather a profound quality to impart to a cake walk, but the bashrul, shrinking manner of the Rogers brothers seems to express those qualities very amusingly.

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The vitality of Sardou's "Divorçons" is reearkable. Olga Nethersole is the latest actress to give evidence of this. She will soon act (ypricane, and it will be interesting to see how her later manner adapts itself to a character so little suited to the deliberation and heaviness of her present methods. Mrs. Fiske brought a new Opprienne to the stage when she acted the part here last month, and doubtless it will remain popular in her répertoire when she is able to indulge in that luxury and not be compelled to confine herself to plays that appeal to the general public taste. She will then pros-per in dramas that she will carry through the force of her own genius. She can go back to "La Famme de Claude," and she will be able to select other plays as appro-priate to her talents and personality when she has once won the full recognition that has through the force of circumstances been denied to her talents. It may be two or three seasons before the public will go to see her in whatever play she presents, but the time is certain to come, and then it will be the hour for her to ap-pear as Hedda Gabler. Ibsen might have writ-ten this play with Mrs. Fiske in mind, and she might incarnate as 'ew other actresses could general public taste. She will then pros

& Bial days in Twenty-third at has in the intersing began there and, while she has in the interval learned to act agreeably, she is quite as good-looking to-day as when she lined up for the opening chorus in the burlesque that closed the opening chorus in the burlesque that closed the maste hall programme, and sang the medleys with Josie Gregory, Lillie Shanley, Rose Cook and Eva Barrington, who have long since been with Josie Gregory. Lill and Eva Barrington, who lost to public admiration.

Eugene W. Presbrey was married in Boston en Wednesday to Alice Lydia Fifield. A. M. Palmer will return into New York theatricals at the Fifth Avenue, as a partner with Mr. Enowles in the management of that house, Marguerite Merrington writes to THE SUN that she is not the author of the drama which Fanny Davenport is going to bring out. Henry T. Chanfrau will try again to step into his late father's shoes in "The Octoroon" and "Kit." Hattie Delaro Barnes, who lately returned from Europe, is going into vaudeville. So are Ida Mulle, George Howard, and Jennie Calef in a farce called "The Red Soubrette." Jennie Weathersby will appear in "Twin Saints," a new comedy.

David Relasco has completed a farcical comedy. and it will be produced in New York with a special cast next season. Dora Higby's Southern novel, "In God's Country," has been dramatized by B. B. Valentine, and we shall have it by and by at the Manhattan. Mr. Valentine is also turning one of Harold Frederic's books into a play. Joseph Holland has been trying his hand as a playwright, and the result is a Granite Hills." which he will try in Hoboken next week. "The Deputy Wife." by Charles Barnard, is forthcoming. "The Walking Delegate" is a new musical plece in Boston use. "The Merry Butcher, or Cuba Lp to Itale." is the title of an extravagansa which Milwaukee is getting this week. Glen McDonough is the author of a farce known as "Th. Marquise Michigan," which may be given at the Hillou. Anita Vivanti Chartres has written for A. M. Paimer a comedy called "That Man," and it will probably have its first performance at the Firth Avenus next fall. Mrs. Chartres is a writer of brilliant dialogue, and if her work has the elements necessary to theatrical effectiveness it ought to succeed. Another play by Mrs. Chartres. "The Hunt for Happiness," has been accepted by Mrs. Beerbohm Tree for production in London.

Oveyed Margaret Sylva has been succeeded in "A Round of Pleasure" by Ida Brooks, a vivacious, clear-voiced, and comely substitute. Miss Sylva will return to London.

Oscar Hammerstein's efforts to find a heroine for "La Poupée" have not been successful, and he expects that it will be necessary to import one, as the exacting qualifications for the rôle are lossessed by few. Such actreases are already under engagement to other managers, who have use for their services, and value their particular qualities as highly as Mr. Hammerstein deep. also turning one of Harold Frederic's books into

ATLANTIC AVENUE IMPROVEMENT. Twenty-sixth Warders Have a Banquet in Cel-

chration of What Has Been Done So Far. The Twenty-sixth ward Board of Trade in Brocklyn had a celebration last night over the Atlantic avenue improvement scheme with specches, music, fireworks, and a banquet. The festivities took place in the Brooklyn Music Hall, and fully 2,000 persons participated. Former Alderman Richard Pickering presided. He gave a history of the improvements that had taken place in that section since its annexation place in that section since its annexation to the city of Brooklyn and then referred to the improvement that is to be made to Atlantic avenue. Mayor Wurster gave a detailed account of the work of the Atlantic Avenue Commission, and said that the tracks in the Twenty-skill, ward would be elevated for a mile or more. The trains are to run from this point to the present depot at Atlantic and Flatbush avelues, be said, and thence by the proposed famel to the other side of the East River, making the time between New York and Jamaics only twenty minutes.

Dither addresses were made by Silas B. Putcher, President William Baidwin, Jr., of the long Island Railroad Company; President William Berri of the Heoklyn Bridge Trustees, River Bridge.

LIVE TOPICS ABOUT TOWN.

One of the reasons why many of the wealth; men in this city avoid publicity was emphasized yesterday by a well-dressed, prosperous-looking man who called at THE SUN office in search of information. In a reference to the death of Joseph Richardson, whore estate has been estimated at from \$20,000,000 to \$39,000,000, something was said in THE SUN about the num ber of millionaires in this town whose names are unknown outside of their own family circle, and it described one such man without naming He has no near relatives and his real

him. He has no near relatives and his real estate holdings alone are worth nearly a million dollars. The man who came to the office in search of information said:

"I have read this article, and I am very anxious to know the name and address of this millionaire."

"What is your object?" he was asked.

"I know that I could be of use to him," was the modest reply. "I have received a good education, and I have long wanted to connect myself with a millionaire who had no family. I could act as his private secretary and be a companion to him."

"But perhaps this man doesn't want a private secretary,"

secretary,"
"I think that I could convince him that I would be useful to him," was the reply, "and I know that such a connection would be of use to both of use

both of us."

The man in search of information didn't get it. He was undoubtedly a type of a large class of men who are looking for lonesome millionaires. Great wealth pays as heavy penalties in New York as it does elsewhere, and if the owner of it is well known the requests for charity and aid that he receives from worthless applicants are proportionately large.

The funeral of a man who was for many years identified with a Broadway hotel that was in its day the headquarters of Southern visitors to this city, brought together a few days ago a lot of people who haven't seen each other since the hotel was destroyed. In its palmy days this resident "Colonels" and "Captains." None of them seemed to have business that interfered with his sitting around the halls reading rooms, and collectively they formed as picturesque a group as could be found in the length of Broadway.

formed as picturesque a group as could be found in the length of Broadway. They were a little colony by themselves, and it occasionally happened that their little quarrels got into the newspapers, and then they resalized their importance. All of them admitted that they had seen better days, and nearly every one of them was willing to improve on the present by a little advance from a friend, that should be settled in the future. One man in New York has an interesting collection of souvenirs that he accumulated during a six months' stay at this old hotel.

"These Kentucky Colonels were amiable and entertaining," he says, "but just a trifle expensive. For instance these are all L.O. U.'s rangfrom \$6 to \$50 that date back to those good old days. I knew that they were worthless when I accepted them and I haven't been disappointed. It softens one's feeling of resentment, however, when the 'touch' is made politiely by a man who assures you that he is a member of one of the best families of Kentucky and that nothing but a temporary embarrassment would embolden him to make such a request. My collection of autographs will perhaps be valuable to some one who attempts to write a history of the scloss of first families of Kentucky who have gone North; and in the mean time it serves to remind me of a lot of amiable men."

One of the visible effects of the bicycle has been the disappearance on Sundays and holidays of the large parties of Germans who have been ccustomed for years to ride on these days. There were usually a half dozen of these parties to be met in the Park every Sunday, but they are almost never seen now and the number of the riders in them has also decreased. Frequently these par-ties, which often included women as well as men, numbered forty riders, and there were at times instructors in charge of the groups, who pre-sumably went along for the purpose of helping the less expert members. A man who alleges that he is a French Court

nd is now running an elevator in a Broadw y apartment house, says that he is tired of hard work and is going to sell his title for \$100,000 or so, less the brokerage fees. The elevator man pear as Hedda Gabler. Itseen might have written this play with Mrs. Fiske in mind, and she might incarnate as few other actresses could the becoine of "Rosmersholm." These are ventures, however, which can be attempted only when she has won her way to the ultimate heights that seem accessible to her.

Elsonora Duse, after an intermittent illness that compelled her to omit several performances, has just acced Goldoni's "La Locandiera" in Paris, and delighted the critice as well as the gublic by her representation of the hostess. She also played in a one-act plece by Gabrielle (Annunio called "A Spring Morning's Pream." It was evidently rather difficult for the audience to understand it.

There seems to be plenty of opportunity nowadars for capable young singers in coinic opera, who will remain with Francis Wilson, has been much in demand, and Alice Nielsen has given up her project of European study toremain with the Bestonians. These young women have worked their way up from modest beginnings. Mis Glaser, now consplicuous, was scarcely more than medicore three years ago. But ahe is an artisf now. Madge Lessing is one of the other young women who has attended to business, and is now enjoying the rewards of it. She and laura Burt are the only survivors of the Koster & Bial days in Twenty-third street. Miss Lessing began there and, while she has in the interval learned to act agreeably, she is quite as good-looking to day as when she lined up for the winner at the end of the year. The result was never definitely known, however, but the says that there is getting to be a corner in was never definitely known, however, but the French nobleman was quoted as saying last week in his little bookstore at the summer resort that he had spent \$45,000 in five years in this restaurant. At that time he was supposed to be a millionaire. Now he has little beside his his restaurant. At that time he was supposed o be a millionaire. Now he has little beside his title and his bookstore, and of the two the atter contributes the more to his support.

Julian Ralph, the well-known newspaper man has given up his post as a London correspondent and taken a house in the country in England for the summer. He has just returned from the war in Greece and Turkey, where he took his son, Lester, to draw what they both saw. They will publish their experiences in one of the American magazines. In a private letter about safe for a second until he reached the Turkish army on the field of battle. Then he had seventy or eighty thousand men to protect him, and dis-

"I wish some man who says the Raines law at present gives the rich man opportunities to drink on Sunday which are denied to the poor man," said a New Yorker the other day, " would go to a few well-known road houses about New York and see what their customers have to give up for the privilege of getting a drink. At Coney Island, on Sunday, two men had two bottles of soda and two Scotch whiskeys. Under ordinary circumstances the drinks would have cost a half dollar at a New York bar of the best class. In a second-class hotel at Concy Island the men had to pay 85 cents for that refreshment, and the quality of it was, of course, bad, The two shopworn sandwiches put down on the able with the drinks were made the excuse for the advance in price. In a coad house near Grant's monument two pottles of beer that would cost 25 cents on any other day or in any other place than this particular one, cost thrice that sum, and the ragged bread and discolored ham placed on the table with them had to bear the responsibility of this disproportionate increase in price. The smaller establishments make no such increase in their price. The man who drinks his beer in an ordinary corner saloon will not be plundered by any such piratical advance in the price of what he orders, and it seems to me that the Raines law just at this time puts a heavier burden on the man who goes to a hotel or a restaurant for his drinks than the man who takes them from the unpretentious places. There at least the advance in price over the usual rates is a little less out of proportion. The methods of barrooms are sometimes very difficult to fathom. I know three men who went into one of the small Broadway hotels the other night and ordered three whiskeys and carbonic. They were served with the liquor in small decanters, and every one held about enough whiskey to cover the bottom of the glass well. The check was 45 cents for the three drinks. Now, when every other hotel in that region supplies for 40 cents the same drinks, excepting that the bottle is handed out and a man can help himself, how, I should like to know, does that particular hotel expect to succeed? other day or in any other place than this par-

O. F. MALCOLM & CO. MISSING.

Another Bucket Skop "Gene Broke"-A. P. Morison Surrenders and Lives Ball.

The offices on the twelfth floor of 29 Broadway that have been occupied by O. F. Malcolm & Co are vacant and the present address of Mr. Mal-colm is unknown to James H. Hoadley, the agent of the building. The concern conducted a discretionary syndicate business of the same discretionary syndicate business of the same sort as the collapsed E. S. Dean Company. Malcolm had told Hoadley he was "dead broke."

Andrew P. Morison, who was indicted by the Grand Jury on Wednesday on a charge of maintaining a gambling house at 57 Broadway, was surrendered by his counsel and gave \$1.500 bail. All of the persons who were arrested in the raid upon Morison's offices have been released on bail. Two of the men taken into custody from Edward L. Stevenson's place at 51 New street are still in the Tombs, being unable to obtain bail.

INSECT-BEARING PLANTS.

GROW IN VENERUELA, AND THE SMITHSONIAN IS TO HAVE ONE. ont Here by G. T. McMillan, Who have He

Gennino Phenomenon - An Enterelogia Thinks the Microscope Will Show It Isn't. In a day or two the Smithsonian Institution n Washington will receive what its donor beplant life, or of plant and insect life, in existonce. This specimen is, to all appearances, an insect-bearing plant. It comes from Venezuela, and the natives there say that it is not uncommon. So far as is known, none of the plants have been brought here before. Unfortunately,

well preserved, having been carefully packed transportation. The specimen was brought up here by Capt, Chambers of the Red Dline teamship Philadelphia, which arrived yesterday, and it will be sent on to Washington to-day G. T. McMillan, superintendent of the Vensguelan Great Western Railroad, is the man who ends this gift to the Smithsonian. When Capt. Chambers saw him on this trip to Venezuela, he said to the Captain: "I've got something that I want you to take

to the Smithsonian Institution for me.'

"What is it ?" asked the Captain, who has had other experiences of this sort. "A three-tailed

THE INSECT-BEARING PLANT. nonkey or a conversational parrot! Will you warrant it not to bite I"

'I will," Mr. McMillan said. "It's dead. It's bug growing upon a plant." Thereupon Capt. Chambers broke into derisive nirth and seked his friend if he, the Captain,

ooked particularly simple. "All right," retorted the superintendent. Wait till you see it. I've been hearing about this thing from the natives for some years, and have always regarded it as a fairy tale, but having found and picked the plant myself I've had to change my mind. I tell you this is the nost wonderful thing in the plant line that ever

He produced the plant, which was dead and dried, for Capt, Chambers's examination. The Captain said that he would be very glad to bring it here and forward it to Washington. Thus it became part of his personal cargo. This Capt. Chambers told a SUN reporter in his cabin yes terday.

"You will think it's a fake, too," he said; "so I will show you the thing and let you judge for

Undoing a small cardboard box packed with bran, he carefully took out the exhibit. It apseared to be just what he had said. There was a dead stem about six or seven inches long, with a little branch, and a small bunch of roots. Or the end of the main stem was a perfect insect an inch long, body, legs, head, and eyes com plete. Plant and insect were joined at the middle of the insect's head, in the manner shown in the picture. The brittle shell of the head had seemed to have been growing there as naturally a flower.

'There you have it." said Capt. Chambers "It's a plain combination of plant life and in-sect life. All that I know about the thing is what Mr. McMillan told me. He found it in the woods at New Site, Tucacas, Venezuela, about forty miles from Porto Cabello. The plant, he says, is a wild wood flower, growing to a height of a foot. It bears from two to four flowers, of of a foot. It bears from two to four flowers, of a blue color, and in shape much like the bowl of a clay pipe, but a little larger. As the flower expands the insect, which is the fruit of the plant begins to form, and with the falling of the retais is full grown. It puts forth wings, separates from its parent stem, and flies away; but first it leaves a seed which fails to the ground and produces another plant. The full-fiedged insect is somewhat bigger than a bumble bee, with gauzy wings and a bottle-blue body except near the head, where there is a broad band of pale yellow. What becomes of the insect after it flies away I do not know; nor do I know whether the strange combination was alive when found, though I understand that Mr. McMillan found it growing.

ing."
A number of gentlemen saw the specimen yesterday, one of whom is something of an entomologist. He was particularly interested in it, and examined it with great care.
"It is a most curious phenomenon," he said, "and extremely interesting from a scientific point of view, but I can say with assurance that the apparant combination of vegetable and "It is a most curious phenomenon," he said, "and extremely interesting from a scientific point of view, but I can say with assurance that the apparent combination of vegetable and animal life is nothing more than the result of chance or accident. An accident, I should guess, in which the unfortunate insect lost its life. It is so well preserved that there will be little difficulty with a good magnifying glass in determining its exact species, and, even without that aid, I feel pretty confident in saying that this is the pupa of a species of cicada, allied to our dog-day harvestify and so-called seventeen-year locust. The cicada comes upout of the ground in the form in which you see this specimen, a wingless grub covered with a horry shell. It is extremely destructive, and will eat nearly anything in the line of vegetation that it can reach. Presently the shell splits up the back and the full-fielded cicada emerges, spreads his gaudy wings, and seeks the top of a tree, where, clinging to some branch, he bests his long, whirring heat-tattoo.

"My guess as to this particular specimen is that it preserves an insect tragedy. Our locust emerges from the ground at the foot of a tree upon the roots of which she, as a grub, has been feeding. I say she, because the male locust in his final form is unprovided with an aspetite. Up she comes from the ground, possessed of a powerful hunger. Near her nods this blue flower on its supple stem. The stem tends and sways under the weight as she climbs, but she keeps on until presently she is ensconced in the soft callx, cating away at its heart. Now comes the flower's revenge. From the lacerated stem exudes a sticky sap. Before the voracious invader knows it she is benired. Struggle as she will she can get no foothold to pull away from her victim, now become her executioner. The plant sways and trembles under her struggles; then becomes still. Presently the polals drop away, and where the blue flower bloomed is disclosed the skeleton of the destroyer."

"How do you account for the

"How do you account for the commoners of the combination if it is an accident?" asked the Captain.

"If it happened half a dozen times in many years that would be enough to set the legend going among the ignorant natives. However, my theory may be wrong in part, though I cling to it in the main points. It may be that the locust climbs into the calix, which then shuts up on it and holds it captive. In that way, possibly, the slothful insect might slowly eat along until the petals dropped, in the mean time splitting its shell and developing its wings. A native sees the flower fall to pieces and the winged creature fly out, and presto! the legend is born. For myself, however, I believe that in every case the insect will be found dead and glued to the plant by the exuding juice."

Another man suggested the theory of insect-sating plants, but these are different in construction from this plant, and their prey is small insects.

IVISON LIKED WOMEN FOR CLERKS Tenderer Than Men. He Said, and Not Likely to Get Brunk.

After a final taking of testimony yesterday the contest over the will of Publisher William Ivison was concluded in the Surrogate's Court decision being reserved. Mr. Ivison left most his million to his nephew, David B. Ivison. Irene Pennie, laundress for Ivison, testified

yesterday that Ivison always acted affectionate ly toward Miss Sheridan, his confidential clerk called hor "Mollie, dear," and at times would called her.

Dr. Edward T. Marsh, family physician of Ivison, testified that Ivison once said that he preferred to have women about to do his work because they were more tender and were "not liable to get drunk."

More Merrick Disaster Damage Suits.

Three more damage suits were instituted yes terday in the Supreme Court in Brooklyn. against the Long Island Railroad Company. growing out of the tallyho accident at Merris road crossing on Memorial Day. The suits are brought by Henry S. Lewis of 1081 De Kalb avenue, Clara S. Stewart of 306 Macon street, and Ella M. Pashley of 824 Halsey street. Miss Pashley asks for \$50,000 damages.

SOLDIERS IN THE GUARDHOUSE. They Protested Against Being Compelled

Clean House for the Captain. OMAHA, June 17.-Bryson S, Browne, James S Brown, John Larnee, Joseph Rich, and Henry Wieber, privates of Company D, Twenty-second Infantry, at Fort Crook, are in the guardhouse to-night under sentence for mutiny. They have employed Mr. R. W. Patrick to begin habeas corpus proceedings to-morrow to secure their release.

According to their story, the privates were detailed a few days ago to go to the house of the company commander and clean it of the company commander and clean it from top to bottom. The work was performed under protest, and when completed the men requested the privilege of laying their alleged grievances before the commanding officer of the post. This request was refused by the company commander, who sent them all to the guardhouse. They were tried by the post court and sentenced to thirty days in the guard house and to forfeit \$10 pay.

Friends of the imprisoned men have retained the lawyer for the purpose of having the question determined whether enlisted men can be compelled to act as servants of officers. There is much feeling at the fort over the matter, and a fund has been subscribed by the enlisted men to find out what their rights are.

NO MORE ROOM FOR THE INSANE. Predicament Perced Upon the Towns and

Counties of Western Pennsylvania. PITTSBURG, Pa., June 17.-Dixmont Insane will be received from Pittsburg, Allegheny, or any of the county or city poor boards in western Pennsylvania. This will mean the expenditure of thousands of dollars by municipalities, and perhaps the erection by the State of another insane asylum. The Allegheny Common Council was considering to-night the advisability of erecting a \$60,000 insane department at the city poor Councilman Speidal received a letter from Superintendent Hutchinson of Dixmont. who wrote that the asylum had accommoda-tions for only 580 patients, yet 818 were crowded within its walls. The Board of Trustees had de-cided to receive no more patients, and had so written to all the poor boards in western Penn-sylvania. sylvania.

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The other State insane asylums are also over-crowded, so nothing will remain but for the poor boards of the western part of the State to pay for the care of insane patients in private asylums. As neither urban nor rural taxpayers will stand this expensive drain on their re-sources, there is already talk of building an-other asylum, and Allegheny Councilmen will try to have a bill to that effect introduced in the Legislature.

PREACHER INSANE ON THE STREET. The Rev. John Simpson of Allegheny, Pa.,

Locked Up for Strange Behavior. PITTSBURGS Pa., June 17.-The Rev. John Simpson, a Presbyterian minister, walked out of his house in Allegheny this morning to go for a doctor for his sick child. On the sidewalk he began to sing bymns, and when a crowd gathered preached a sermon. He wandered up the street to Milivale, and walked into the yard of Constable Kuhn, and began to pull vegetable Constable Kuhn, and began to pull vegetables and put them into his pockets. He was arrested, and at the Burgesses' office it was found that he was demented.

Mr. Simpson, his wife, and five children came here from Pevon, county Down, Ireland, in February, and took two rooms in Allegheny, The family is poor. Lately the minister received a call from Topham, N. Y., but one of the children took sick on Monday, the day the family was to leave. Disappointment at this, hard study during the last few weeks, and privation drove him insane.

MARTIN ENSLEY'S CRIME.

Collins Still Says It Was Mis Former Priend Who Nearly Milled Mim.

St. Louis, June 17.-This morning Martin Ensley was charged with assault with intent to kill and the theft of \$6,000 before Justice of the Peace Crousfelder at Clayton, St. Louis county, Ensley is held at the county jail pending the result of the terrible blows on the head received by Charles D. Collins on Tuesday night. Collins

by Charles D. Collins on Tuesday night. Collins says he is confident that Ensley was his assailant. He said this morning:

"Ensley knew when I received that large sum of money at Nashville. He knew that I carried exactly \$6,000 in my vest pocket and had seen me count it. One day I thought I would put it in the hotel safe, and Ensley said I had better not. He said a drummer recently had some of his money stolen from a hotel, and the management refused to reimburse him. So I decided to keep it in my pocket. And now I can recall how, at least a half dozen times, he tried to take me to some secluded spot."

TOM DELK WILL DIE TO-DAY.

The Georgia Desperado Will Be Hanged in a

ATLANTA, Ga., June 17.-The execution of Tom Delk in Zebulon, to-morrow, excites wide interest because of the desperate career which he has had and the fact that the crime for which he will be hanged was the murder of the Sheriff of and headed a gang of thieves covering a territory and headed a gang of thieves covering a territory of 100 miles square. Sheriff Milner is very considerate of his prisoner and this fact has gained for him the rexard of the young murderer. The gallows stands 400 yards from the jail in a meadow. A great crowd will be present, through which Deik will pass on his way to the gallows. Arriving there, he will enter the inciosure, twenty feet square, shut in from public view by walls of bagging sixteen feet in height.

Testimony Detrimental to the ex-Governor of

TOPKKA, Kan., June 17 .- State Superintenden Striker declares that at the next meeting of the Executive Council on June 30 he will introduce a resolution to remove ex-Gov. L. D. Lewelling from the State Board of Railroad Commissionfrom the State Hoard of Railroad Commission-ers unless he resigns.

Superintendent Striker says the testimony of Parry Landis and State Senator Titus before the legislative investigating committee war-rants the ex-Governor's removal, and he has made up his mind to force the council to a vote on the subject. Secretary of State Bush said to-day that should the question of removal come up he would vote for it.

EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS. Bereft of Their Homes in Mexico, They Appea for Ald.

OAXACA, State of Oaxaca, Mexico, June 17.-An appeal for aid has been received here from persons who have been made homeless by the evere earthquake shocks on the Isthmus of Tehuantepec and in the extreme southeastern part of this State, where several villages were almost completely destroyed.

It is reported that the loss of life was greater than was at first reported, and it is feared that the effects of the earthquake shocks were worse in the interior of the State of Chiepas, but no detailed report has yet been received from there.

BINGHAMTON, June 17 .- J. D. Bover of Denver Col., has been in this section for several days endeavoring to find William F. Williams, to whom a large estate has been left in the West by his brother James, Williams learned the by his brother James. Williams learned the printers' trade in Norwich, Chenango county, and from there went to Hartford or New Haven and later worked in Albany. From there he went to Little Falls and published a paper. From the latter place all trace of him was lost, and his whereabouts for lifteen years have not been known. If alive he is about 55 years old. The estate is quite a large one and will go to his wife and two children, who, it is said, are in New Haven.

One of Boss Cox's Lieutenanta Convicted o

CINCINNATI, O., June 17,-The jury in the ca of George Hobson, deposed clerk of this county brought in a verdict late this afternoon of guilt; of embezzlement while in office, the amount being fixed at \$7,776. Hobson has been one of the lieutenants of George B. Cox, the Republican boss and earnest worker for Senator Mark Hanna. Carelesaness Costs Two Miners Their Lives.

PITTSBURG, Pa., June 17 .- Mike Warsell and Peter Copshaw, two miners with families, were crushed to death to-day by a fall of slate in the Panhandle coal mines at Borland, near Pitts-burg. They were machine miners and worked in the same entry. They should have put up six projecto support the roof, but in order to save time and make more money they placed only one

Senator Quay to Fish for Tarpon in Toxas. SAN ANTONIO, Texas, June 17 .- Senator Quay has written to friends here that he will visit the tarpon fishing grounds at Rockport, south of here, next month, accompanied by a party of friends, and that they will spend several weeks in tarpon fishing. The fishing at Rockport is excellent this season.

DEATH OF FATHER KNEIPP.

THE GENIAL OLD PRIEST WHOSE WATER CURE MADE HIM FAMOUS.

Sickly Wouth, Doomed by the Doctors to an Early Death, He Devised the Treatment That Made Him Well - Thousands of the Ill Made Pilgrimages to His Retreat. MUNICH, June 17 .- Father Sebastian Knelpp. amous through his water or grass cure, died at Woorishofen, Bavaria, this morning. He was exactly one month past 76 years old.

Father Sebastian Kneipp, whose fame grew upon his original method of treating diseases persons by means chiefly of cold water applica-tions in a variety of ways, had practised this cure for half a lifetime, although his vogue came only within the last decade. When he was a schoolboy his life was despaired of because of an apparently defective constitution, and he was warned that he would not see 30 years. He lived long past man's three-score years and ten. He was born at Stefensried on May 17, 1821. He worked as a weaver after leaving school until the age of 27, when he began to study medicine and theology, having long desired to become a priest. He was sickly, and he undertook to cure himself. It is said that in a delirious fever one day in winter he rushed from his room and thrust his feet through the



FATHER SEBASTIAN ENEIPP.

thin ice of a pond and, instead of becoming worse, found himself much better for the shock, and so began systematic experiments along the line this experience suggested. He made himself well, was admitted to orders, and went to the village of Woerishofen, in Bavaria, where for thirty years he lived as his practices had shown him the way to live, with hopes of health; and during this time he carned the love and praises of his neighbors, villagers, and the mountainfolk, whom he cured of diseases or bodily distress by the cold-water treatment he had nvented for himself. He then wrote a book. been local, spread over the world. People from distance came to see him, travellers went out of their way to visit Woerishofen, sufferers from other countries hied to him, and before long there were pilgrimages of great numbers wending their way toward his retreat, for Woerishofen's seclusion made it practically s retreat. Simple people began to call his power miraculous. Sober observers wondered at what they saw accomplished in his patients. The doctors looked askance at the spectacle of a priest making use of methods commonly ascribed to a charlatan; but he was not accused of charlatan-

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charlatan; but he was not accused of charlatanism.

Once he was haled before the Landgericht on
a charge of practising medicine without a
license. He asked whether it was not every
one's duty to seek to relieve persons whom the
physicians gave up. The Judge inquired zarcastically whether the Father would undertake
to relieve him of his rheumatism. The priest
said he would, the Judge was cured, and Father
Knelpp was never again molested.

Notabilities began to come to him for treatment. Emperor Francis Joseph took a course
of it on two different occasions. The Archduke
Joseph of Austria underwent the cure. On one
morning the Archbishop of Prague and two
daughters of Don Carlos, the Spanish pretender,
were seen walking barefoot in the dewy grass,
at the same time that some German violinists in
frock coats and white cravats, but barefoot also,
were giving an early concert on the meadow,
combining industry and amusement with their
course of treatment. The princesses wore gold
rings on their left small toes, and in greeing
acquaintances adopted the toe-wiggling saintation that sprang up as a fad when the Kneipp
cure became "the thing" for the ill and those
who thought themselves ill. The hands of the
women patients being engaged in holding up
their skirts, the dear creatures, according to
the stories, decided to put rings on the left little
toes, and then just to hoist the left foot out of
the grass or brook—whichever they are walking
in—when a friend came along, and wiggle the
belewelled member at him.

This barefoot walking became the best-known
feature of the peculiar system introduced by
Father Knelpp; but the priest, as a matter of
fact, did not countenance the fantastic extremes
to which some of his patients carried his prescriptions. His belief was that most ills were

to which some of his patients carried his pre-scriptions. His belief was that most ills were the result of the luxury of modern living, and his alm was to eliminate acrid humors of the blood and tone up the organism. Faulty circu-lation, he thought, was at the bottom of the lation, he thought, was at the bottom of the trouble, and by improving the circulation he calculated to effect a cure. To bring out whatever was to come he made use of local bathing and applications, together with steam baths, sometimes medicating these, but with herbs only. To stimulate and restore the circulation he ordered the barefoot walking and cold douches. He made it a point to see his patients himself, giving all his time to this work except such as was occupied by his devotions and pastoral work, and he did all for nothing. Contributions from relieved patients he used for parish work.

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For a long time there were no accommodations for the throngs of visitors at the village. Some had to use teuts. A Rothschild was obliged to domicile himself in the parior car that brought him to the place. Father Knelpp by no means contented himself with ordering water for his patients, but directed them as to their daily habits, prescribed a simple regimen, loose clothes and not many of them, and prohibited alcohol. It was not to be wondered at that with the admixture of hygiene, faith, and common sense, which made up his system of treatment, great numbers of distressed people were restored by him to a normal condition.

It is related that when two Russians with the bearis of the patriarchs and hair like bushmen's came to him he bosted off a messenger the first thing for the village barber, and when a priest from the North came wearing five pairs of drawers the Father ordered two pairs of them off at once, and within a week had divested his patient of two more of them.

In recognition of his work the l'ope bestowed upon Father Knelpp an honorary office, hat of Camerlings, carrying with it the title of Monsignor. In 1894 the Monsignor was called to Rome to treat an obstinate alliment of the Pontiff, an outgrowth of some stomach disorder, and it was announced after some time that by his treatment the Pope's health had been restored.

Father Knelpp's followers carried his treat-

men restored.

Father Kneipp's followers carried his treat-Father Kneipp's followers carried his treatment and principles to foreign countries, and Kneipp societies were established in various cities. In France some journals were set affoat to disseminate his ideas and the records of his successes, one of the papers attaining to a circulation of 25,000. Last year a society was instituted in New York, the disciples of the priest obtaining permission to use a part of the Central Park lawns.

Obituary Notes.

Benjamin P. Sayder, President of the National Safe Deposit Savings and Trust Company of Washington, died at his country home in Prince George county, Md., on Wednesday evening, aged 62. He went to Washington at the outbreak of the war as manager of the American Telegraph Company and as press censor and custodian of the telegraph secrets of the War Department. He was brought into cordial and intimate relations with President Lincoin and Secretary Stanton during the exciting periods of the civil war. Upon the consolidation of the telegraph companies Mr. Snyder entered mercantile life. He was for some time President of the Washington Stock Exchange.

John Milton Bonbam, the lawyer and author of Washington, D. C., died at his cottage at 1723 Pacific avenue, Atlantic City, yesterday. He was 61 years old and was born in York county, Pa. He was admitted to the bar and moved to the oil regions, where he gained prominence in his profession. He was one of the stat to transmit oil through pipes and amassed a large fortune in that business. He leaves no family.

Capt, John Henry Peterson died of paralysis

yesterday morning at his home, 026bg Lafayette avenue, Brooklyn, in his sixty fifth year. He had followed the sea nearly all his life and had been master of the bark Justin H. Ingersoll, plying between New York and South American ports, for fifteen years. He leaves two sons and a daughter.

a daughter.

Mrs. Henry M. Murphy of Newark died suddenly on Wednesday at her summer home at Summit, N. J. Mrs. Murphy was a Miss Elmers of this city. Mr. Murphy is a brother of Franklin Murphy of Newark, and is a member of the Murphy Varnish Company.

Collector Kilbreth's Illness SOUTHAMPTON, L. L. June 17.—James T. Kil-breth, Collector of the Port of New York, is seri-ously ill of pneumonia at his summer home here.

COMMENCEMENT AT CORNELL.

nocalaurents and Advanced Degrees Conferred on 481 Students.

ITHAGA, June 17.-The twenty-ninth annual commencement of Cornell University was held to-day. President Schurman, in behalf of the trustees of the university, conferred baccalau reate and advanced degrees on 431 persons. The conferring of degrees was followed by the award of prizes and special certificates. Many of the graduates and fortunate recipients of prizes were warmly applauded as they passed across the platform. The audience had the usual fun at the expense of those who received certificates of proficiency in military science, keeping time with them as they stepped up to receive their

After the degrees were conferred an address was delivered by President Schurman, He was delivered by President Schurman, He spoke of the meaning and significance of the word "commencement." The President also discussed the function of the university. It stands for the supremacy of mind over matter. Yet the university of to-day is practical. It exerts a great influence in the government of the country and should stand for high ideals.

In his closing address to the graduating class President Schurman commonded to them the Cornell spirit, which seeks the advancement and diffusion of knowledge. He also enjoined upon them that high patriotism which not only loves the fing, but carnestly strives for the advancement of all that is boat in the public to make that fing worth living under. The President's words were received with hearty applause. The benediction was then pronounced by the Rev. S. H. Synnott.

CADETS' DAY AT ST. JOHN'S. The Enttalion Reviewed by Major-Gen. Wesley

Commencement week was begun at St. John's College, Fordham, yesterday, It was called Cadets' Day, and the students in the cadet corps, dressed in blue tunic, white duck trousers, white helmets, and carrying brightly polished rifles, marched and countermarched on the campus, executing infantry managuvres and firing volleys for two hours. Major-Gen. Wesley Merritt, U. S. A., commander of the Division of the East, with Lieuts. L. H. Strother, First Infantry, U. S. A., and H. C. Hale, Twentieth Infantry, reviewed the cadets. The Old Guard Band furnished

the cadets. The Old Guard Band furnished music,
There are 130 cadets in the battalion, divided into four companies, and they were drilled by Capt. Frank H. Edmunds, First Infantry, U. S. A. (detached). He was assisted yesterday by First Lieuts, R. E. McDonnell and G. B. Hayes and Sergeant-Major I. J. O'Donovan. Seventeen members of the cadet corps received graduates diplomas. I. P. Monahan got the medal for the best reditten, and P. Paulding Brant got a medal for the best military essay.

Graduates day on Wednesday next will wind up the exercises of the week. Archbishop Corrigan will preside and Supreme Court Juntice Joseph F. Daly will address the graduates.

EXHIBITS OF SCHOOL WORK. Great Preparations Making for the State Teachers' Association Convention.

At the fifty-first annual convention of the State Teachers' Association, to be held June 30 to July 3, in the Normal College, the 300 departments of the city schools will each have a space appropriated for its own use, on which will be arranged the work exhibiting the different phases of the school curriculum. The work of the schools of other cities will be placed side by side with that of the New York schools. Assist ant Superintendent James Lee is in charge of the exhibits, which are coming in from all parts of the State. of the State.

The exhibit will show in detail what is being

done in the departments of English, drawing, penmanship, geometry, bookkeeping, physical culture, clay modelling, and manual training.

PRINCETON'S FACULTY CHANGES. The Chair Left Vacant by Prof. Sloane's Res-

PRINCETON, June 17.-President F. L. Patton announced to-day the changes made in the Princeton University faculty by the Board of frustees at their annual meeting yesterday. Prof. Andrew Campbell Armstrong of Wesleyan Frot. Andrew Campbell Armstrong of Wesleyan University was unanimously elected to a professorahip in the department of history. Prof. Arnold Guyot Cameron, '86, of the Sheffleld Scientific School, Yale University, was appointed professor of French language and literature in the John C. Green School of Science. The chair left vacant by the resignation of Prof. Sloane is still unfilled. Willard Humphreys, Ph. D., was advanced from assistant professor of German to full professor.

Stevens Institute Commencement. The twenty-fifth annual commencement of Stevens Institute of Technology took place last night in the Lyric Theatre, Hoboken. Presiden Henry Morton reviewed the history of the insti-tute. H. Donald Tiemann was salutatorian and William Duane Ennis delivered the valedictory address. The degree of mechanical engineer was conferred upon sixty-one graduates. This is the largest graduating class in the history of the institute.

Cheshire Academy's Commencement.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., June 17,-The 103d anniversary of the Episcopal Academy at Cheshire was celebrated to-day. There were about ulnety alumni from New York and this cit present, the New Yorkers coming in a special train. Prof. E. D. Woodbury delivered the address to the graduating class. The diplomas were conferred by Gen. E. E. Bradley of this city.

COLLEGEVILLE, Pa., June 17.-The auditorium of Bomberger Memorial Hall was filled this forenoon at the twenty-eighth annual com-mencement of Ursinus College. The commence-ment oration was delivered by Prof. Hampton L. Carson, A. M., L.L. B., of Philadelphia.

Gov. Bushnell an LL. D.

COLUMBUS, O., June 17.-Gov. Bushnell was onored by Miami University, and will hereafter be entitled to have the letters LL. D. written after his name. The degree was conferred upon him by the trustees of the university at the an-nual commencement exercises held there to-day.

TO PAY M'KANE'S DEBTS.

Hrs. McKane Said to Have Gained Possess

of Property Valued at \$180,000. Lawyer George W. Roderick, who defended John Y. McKane on his trial, transferred property valued at \$180,000 to Mrs. Fanny McKane wife of the ex-Chief of Police, yesterday. The property was turned over to Lawyer Roderick by

McKane ostensiby for counsel fees, Last evening it was reported that Mrs. Mc Kane transferred \$120,000 worth of the property to Col. Nathan P. Sprague of Brandon, Vt., who President of the Sprague National Bank of Brooklyn, who will, it is said, utilize the property in paying off McKane's debts.

Mrs. McKane was quoted as saying that she hoped to have her husband home before a week

from Sunday, but no intimation has been re-ceived that Gov. Black intends to pardon the former boss of Gravesend.

NEWARK ASPHALT TOO HIGH.

Mayor Seymour Votoes Three Ordinances and Mayor Seymour of Newark has temporarily

put a stop to asphalt paving in that city by ve toing three paving ordinances which, he says shut out all but three or four competitors. says he believes the city is paying too much for asphalt paying, and to proof of his assertion quotes prices in other cities. The price paid last year averaged \$2.58½ in Newark, while similar pavement was put down in Syracuse for \$1.68, in Brooklyn for \$1.80, and in other places for \$2 to \$2.10.

Father Bent Wants to Prosecute Col. Illian. The Rev. Francis Dent, who had several mis understandings with the Society of Friars Minor of the order of St. Francis, wrote yesterday letter to District Attorney Olcott asking per mission to go before the Grand Jury with a complaint against Col. George Bliss, who was coun sel for the Friars. Father Dent said in his letter that Col. Bliss offered to have an indictment for perjury distuissed that had been filed in Brooklyn against the order on condition that Father Dent would discontinue the suit he had brought against the Society of Friars Minor and a suit for \$50,000 damages against Arch-bishop Ryan of Buffalo for slanger. Mr. Olcott wrote beck to the priest that a Magistrate's court was the place to take such a complaint.

Continuous Trolley Line from Jersey City to Paterson. At a special meeting of the Consolidated

Traction Company's directors held in Jersey City yesterday afternoon the purchase of the trolley line from Jerolomon street, Belleville, to Passate city was approved. The line was for-merly owned by the Passate and Newark Trac-tion Company. This sequisition gives the Con-solidated Company a continuous the from Jer-sey City to Paterson. MARINE INTELLIGENCE

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BOOCOCIA-BRETT.-On Tuesday, June 15, in the Bergen Reformed Church, Jersey City, by the Rev. Cornellus Brett, D. D., assisted by the Rev. Wells, D. D., of Flaths Rev. William H. Boocock, paster of Grace Chapel, Flatbush, to Maude Runyon Brett, daughter of the

offictating elergyman. HOWLAND-MAULDIN.-At the First Baptist 1897, by the Rev. C. S. Gardner, Caroline Louise Mauldin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Mauldin of Greenville, S. C., to Clarence How-

land of New York. MITCHELL-BRADFORD. -On Wednesday, June 16, 1897, by the Rev. Frank B. Upham of Ridgefield. Conn., at the residence of the bride's parents, 82 Howard av., Brooklyn, Almira Jefferson Brad ford to George Lacey Mitch.ll, Jr.

DIED.

CRASSOUS. —At Paterson, N. J., on June 16, 1897, Ferdinand H. Crassous, in the 59th year of his age. Funeral private. DISHECKER. -On Thursday, June 17, at the Arts

ton, Broadway and 55th at., Carris A. Disbecker,

wife of A. Disbecker. Notice of funeral hereafter. BOXOHUE. -On June 14. Catherine Donohue, daughter of the late John and Alice Denchue, after a brief Illness, at the residence of her brother-In-

law, Garrett Nagle, 167 East 64th st. Funeral will leave the house at 9 o'clock Friday morning; thence to St. Francis Xavier's Church, 16th at., between 5th and 6th ava., where a solemn requiem high mass will be offered for the repose of her soul. Interment in Calvary Comethe funeral. Please omit flowers.

ATHUNES. -On Wednesday morning, Gustie, daughter of Oscar A. Nathusius Funeral services will be held Friday evening, June 18, at 7 o'clock, at her late home, 200 East 69th st. Interment Saturday morning.

WALSH. -At his residence, 199 Leonard st., Brooklyn, Nicholas Walsh, aged 90 years. Funeral at St. Mary's Church, corner Maujer and

Leonard sts., Brooklyn, Saturday, June 19, at 10:30 A. M. Relatives and friends of the family and friends of his grandson, the Very Rev. Dean Sweens of Kingston, N. Y., are respectfully in-vited. Interment in Calvary Cemetery. Please omit flowers.

which she most patiently bore with Christian resignation, Jane A. Weich, beloved wife of Robert M. Welch and daughter of William and the inte Margaret O'Neil.

A solemn mass of requiem will be offered up for the

repose of her soul at the Church of St. Theresa, corner Butgers and Henry sts., on Friday, June 18, at 10 o'clock A. M. May her soul rest in peace. SVILLIAMS, .- Suddenly, at Rig Moose Lake, Adiron

of Brooklyn, N. Y., aged 56 years. Funeral services will be held in St. Peter's Episcopel Church, State at., near Bond, Brooklyn, on Friday,

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